

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 0998

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, SHUM, DM

SUBJ: BENIN HUMAN RIGHTS

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F: A. STATE 131197, B. COTONOU 226

1.DURING CALL ON DEPARTMENT WO (NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS) DIRECTOR GNONLONFOUN, CHARGE LEARNED THAT GOVERNMENT OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN (GPRB) HAS NOT REACTED TO US ABSTENTION ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA) LOAN BECAUSE MATTER HAS NOT YET BEEN FULLY EXAMINED BY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLADAYE. ALLAGAYE HAS BEEN OUT OF MINISTRY MOST OF LAST THREE WEEKS ON OFFICIAL VISITS AND PARTY BUSINESS. AS POLITICAL COMMISSIONER FOR OUEME PROVINCE, ONE OF ALLADAYE'S DUTIES IS TO HOLD MEETINGS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS TO GET THEIR VIEWS ON NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTION. GNONLONFOUN DOUBTED THAT ALLADAYE WOULD ACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS BEFORE NEXT WEEK.

2. WE ARE IN PROCESS OF REVISING REF B, THE TONE AND CONTENT OF WHICH WERE HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY FACT THAT IT WAS WRITTEN 10 DAYS AFTER MERCENARY ATTACK AND AT TIME WHEN  
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POST-COUP SECURITY MEASURES WERE AT THEIR MOST STRINGENT. SITUATION SHOWING SOME SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.  
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